

Treatment for Two Separate Conditions, Same Visit

If the patient is treated for two separate conditions at the same visit, the charge for the service must be apportioned according to the time spent on each condition. If evaluation and treatment of the two injuries increases the complexity of the visit, a higher level E/M code might be billed. If this is the case, CPT guidelines must be followed and documentation must support the level of service billed. A physician would only be entitled to payment for more than one evaluation and management visit if there were two separate visits on the same day (see modifier -25).

Treatment for Two Work-Related Injuries

Based on privacy laws separate chart notes or reports must be submitted when there are two different claims. The claims may be the result of injuries while working for two different employers and the employer would not be entitled to information about an injury that is not their responsibility.